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In re Application of:

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For: VACCINE COMPOSITION
CONTAINING ADJUVANTS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a Request for Reconsideration under 37 CFR § 1.113 based on the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶1 set forth in the Office Action of March 29, 2000. Applicants include in their Response to the Office Action of March 29, 2000, a Notice of Appeal and an Appeal Brief. Applicants also include a copy of a Decision on Petition for Applicants' first Appeal Brief filed June 28, 1999. Please accept this as a timely response to the outstanding Office Action.

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REMARKS

Claims 19, 20, 23 and 24 are pending. Applicants' invention is a vaccine comprising: HIV antigen, QS-21, and 3-De-O-acylated monophosphoryl lipid A (3D-MPL). Applicants have already submitted uncontroverted evidence that their invention meets the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶1. Specifically, their invention effectively protects rhesus macaques from SHIV

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